

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 50, which were allowed in a Notice of Allowance, dated February 3, 2005, and new claims 51 to 61 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. The new claims, which are directed to a preferred embodiment of the invention, are fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. In particular, support for the recitations in the claims of the boundary and concentrating particles having a size at least as large as the predetermined critical size may be found at page 18, paragraph [0063], and pages 23 and 24, paragraph [0077] of the present specification. Therefore, there is no issue of new matter. In addition, each of the new independent claims recites all of the limitations recited in at least one of the allowed independent claims, and, thus, a new search should not be required.

It is respectfully submitted that the new claims are allowable over the prior art of record for the reasons set forth in the Amendment filed January 6, 2005, with regard to claims 1 to 50. As each of the new independent claims recites all of the limitations of at least one of the allowed independent claims, as well as at least one additional limitation, i.e., a boundary, the new independent claims and all claims that depend from those independent claims must also be allowable. In addition, new claims 67 to 71 depend from allowed claims, and, thus, must also be allowable.

Applicants thus submit that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, an early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner not agree with Applicants' position, a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues prior to the issuance of a further Office Action, and to expedite the allowance of the application.

A separate Amendment, Petition and Fee to Correct Inventorship Under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a) is being submitted concurrently herewith. Please charge any other fee that may be required to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**.

Respectfully submitted,

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